Study Guide/Notes

Types of Governments:

Theocracy: Rule by God or God’s representatives, or in the name of God

Monarchy: Rule by one person, a king or queen, with absolute power, authority is by divine

 right (God approves), and change of leadership is based on heredity

Democracy: Those who are governed vote on all issues and express opinions directly

 (“government by the people”)

Republic: Democracy that uses representatives (Senate, House of Representatives,

 Parliament)

Anarchy: Absence of government; disorder; chaos; absolute freedom of the individual;

 No recognition of authority

To be actively involved in the democratic process, you might…

… Vote

… Run for office (be a candidate)

… Work for a candidate (to get him/her elected)

 ...volunteer

 ...give money

 ...put up yard sign

 ...knock on doors

… Contact your elected representatives

-- to express concerns

-- to express what you want for the country

-- to express your view on a particular issue

-- attend a “town hall” or meeting that your representative may hold to hear from

 constituents (the people who are represented by a representative)

… Participate in non-violent protest, marches, demonstrations, rallies

… Write letters to the editor with your position on an issue

… Sign a petition that will be given to a representative